TPSC Scores 2 Home Runs for the Texas Pool Industry during the 2011 Legislative Session

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Governor Rick Perry signed into law both SB 1630 and SB 710. These two important pieces of legislation were heavily supported by both APEC and its membership during the 2011 legislative session.

We are proud to tell you, once again, that TPSC’s advocacy at the Texas Capitol provided positive and successful results for TPSC members and their businesses.

The first, **SB 1630** frees all service professionals from the shackles placed upon them by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation last Summer with respect to the restriction of work performed at commercial locations under a limited license. Now, those in possession of a Residential Appliance Installers license can feel confident in the knowledge that commercial work is firmly authorized by statute. The resistance by electrical unions and other stakeholders was overcome to align interests in the bill and ensure its passage.

Next, **SB 710** provides for important disclosures to homeowners of main drains in older pools by requiring the Texas Real Estate Commission’s “Standard Real Estate Disclosure Form” to contain information for the disclosure of a main drain in a pool or spa when a home is being sold. And, while this is a very good from a safety perspective, it is also a nice tool for business development as well since many APEC, IPSSA or APSP members will find themselves repairing, replacing or modifying existing pools or spas to ensure proper safety enhancements are made prior to the sale of a home.

Lobbyists Jake Posey and Steve Koebele, and the APEC Board of Directors, thank you for all your support and interest throughout the 2011 legislative session. If you are not a member of APEC, please join. Collectively we can continue to make a difference at the state and local level.